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AMENDMENT A AND RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,

SIR/MADAM:

Responsive to the Office Action dated June 4, 2003 and further in response to the Office Action dated May 19, 2004, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION begin on page 2 of this paper.

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS begin on page 10 of this paper and includes three annotated sheets showing proposed changes to FIGS. 1, 5 and 8.

REMARKS begin on page 11 of this paper.

An APPENDIX including an annotated sheet showing drawing changes is attached following page 13 of this paper.